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### Field Crops

For the week ending July 23, squaring is virtually complete on cotton acreage, 80 percent of the cotton acreage have set bolls, and 5 percent of the cotton acreage have bolls opening. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain very poor to poor.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, carrots, honeydews, dry onions, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other miscellaneous melons. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, green onions, and seeded and seedless watermelons.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	4	25	53	18
Cotton	0	0	38	45	17
Range and Pasture	54	29	15	2	0

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton - Squaring	100	98	94	96
Cotton - Setting Bolls	80	64	67	76

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending July 23. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Payson to 12 degrees above normal at Willcox. Several localities set record high temperatures during the week. The highest temperature of the week was 119 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon and Payson at 50

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 22 reporting stations. Payson received the most at 1.05 inches of precipitation. Winslow received the lowest precipitation at 0.03 inches. Marana is the only reporting station to receive above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**July 17 - July 23, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	94	8	113	74	0.00	0.99	-3.87
Buckeye	99	8	118	78	0.05	1.23	-2.06
Canyon De Chelly	82	6	104	61	0.11	2.46	-1.83
Coolidge	95	9	118	74	0.00	2.53	-1.11
Douglas	84	6	101	67	0.49	2.18	-2.76
Flagstaff	70	4	88	51	0.38	5.71	-5.51
Grand Canyon	71	10	93	50	0.53	4.42	-6.55
Kingman	87	5	105	67	0.42	2.33	-2.32
Marana	92	6	113	75	0.36	5.45	0.66
Maricopa	96	8	116	79	0.00	2.92	-0.56
Paloma	94	5	115	75	0.00	1.72	-1.50
Parker	98	9	119	79	0.00	0.26	-2.00
Payson	77	2	96	50	1.05	3.66	-6.38
Phoenix	102	9	118	85	0.00	1.61	-1.68
Prescott	80	7	99	62	0.42	3.41	-5.52
Roll	96	7	118	75	0.13	1.10	-0.03
Safford	88	5	108	71	0.34	2.05	-1.69
St. Johns	83	9	103	62	0.35	2.59	-2.14
Tucson	94	8	110	79	0.05	2.48	-2.15
Willcox	90	12	105	74	0.50	2.32	-2.55
Winslow	83	5	103	65	0.03	0.56	-2.64
Yuma	96	5	115	78	0.04	0.51	-0.81

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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